Black-Listing of Contractors

3832. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has black-listed any contractor in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI had given contracts to some unqualified road contractors in the year 2003 and 2004;

(c) whether NHAI would review such contracts given under duress to some contractors;

(d) whether NHAI has reviewed the performance of all contractors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arsie.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Highway in Maharashtra

†3833. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways in Maharashtra and the amount spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years;

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for upgradation of the State Highways of Maharashtra to National Highways; and

(c) the programmes of Government with regard to "Golden quadrilateral roads" in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The length of National Highways in Maharashtra is 4176 kms. and Rs. 290.59 crores has been spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.